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## **Top links**

#### What drove Radio Shack into bankruptcy?

After two years of unsuccessful turnaround efforts, RadioShack filed for its second bankruptcy on Wednesday, citing poor mobile sales.

The Christian Science Monitor

#### **Runt radials**

Antennas shipping with ineffective antenna decoupling are on the rise as manufacturers daringly advocate 1/12 wave radials work.

Ham Radio . Magnum Experimentum

### APRS explained in simple terms

In this episode of the Ham Radio 360 Podcast, Kenneth Finnegan (W6KWF) helps explain the APRS protocol.

Ham Radio 360

# How to: Boafeng UV5R USB soundcard interface

The main idea for this project was to replace the external speaker microphone functionality with that of the USB soundcard.

High on Solder

# Origin of wireless security: The Marconi radio hack of 1903

Marconi is about to demonstrate his new wireless system, which he claims can securely send messages over a long distance, without interference by tuning the signal.

Hack A Day

# **Breaking the cheap Ham stereotype?**

Both sell high-quality, somewhat expensive products, and I was a little surprised that neither had any complaints based on the general characterization of hams as cheap.

Ham Radio Now

#### Review: 12 watt tri-band HT

The brand new JT-5988HP is a 12-watt, tri-band radio with a 4800mAh battery from JINGTONG, a

handset and parts supplier out of China.

Prepari

#### A review of the Elecraft K-Pod

This was a nice addition to my K3 as for me it's handy to have the VFO control right beside the key.

**VE3WDM** 

### **Video**

### Yaesu FT-450D Mic Test Comparison: MD100a8x vs. Stock MH-31a

Test of transmitted audio from Yaesu FT-450D (as received on an FT-950) in DX conditions -- a comparison between the MD100a8x, at various settings, vs. Stock MH-31a.

YouTube

### **Intro to Fldigi**

Fldigi's user interface and basic transmit & receive operations.

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